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MEMORANDUM FOR: ADPC

SUBJECT: OPC Participation in Working Groups Under the NPSB

1. As you know, a question has been raised by both the Department of State and the Department of Defense in regard to OPC participation in the working groups which have been set up under the NPSB and IFIS to create over-all psychological warfare plans for main target areas.

2. It does not seem feasible to have representatives of OPC sit directly on these working committees since they will inevitably become involved in open discussion of covert activities and the potentialities of OPC in regard to such activities.

3. You have remarked in the past that the present plans which have been created by these working groups go into too much operational detail in regard to covert activities, and that this involves a security risk. A typical example of this is the propaganda plan

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4. In order to have OPC participation in these working groups without involving a security risk, and to avoid comments of this kind in papers which have wide distribution, the following solution is proposed:

a. Mr. Barrett and Mr. Stone, through the NPSB, should be requested to provide that there shall be no mention of covert activities or potentialities in the working papers prepared by the overt working groups for the NPSB. OPC will not be represented on the working committees as such. However, when the working group has prepared a paper in quasi-final form, a meeting should be called in which only the appropriate representatives of the working group and an official from OPC

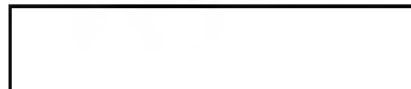
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participate, to discuss the covert problems created by the paper. A covert annex for the working paper will then be prepared by OPC. This covert annex will be closely held, however, and will not be attached to the working paper for general distribution. The working paper should not be submitted to the NFSE until this covert annex has been prepared.

5. It is submitted that this solution will conserve the time of the OPC officials involved, will preserve security, and will permit OPC to have a working knowledge of all these papers and a prepared stand on how they affect OPC before these papers are submitted to the NFSE.

Signed



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